

**1. What was / has been your occupation before entering politics?**

I am an associate professor and researcher at the Université du Québec en Outaouais (UQO) and Canadian Armed Forces Veteran.

**2. Do you live in the riding and, if so, how long has it been your home?**

I live in the urban part of the riding: Gatineau (Le Plateau). I have lived in the Outaouais since 1996.

**3. What has been your main involvement with your community outside of work (volunteer activities, etc.)?**

I'm a member of the Royal Canadian Legion and contribute to the Poppy Campaign. I play hockey and tennis. I spend quality time with my family.

**4. In your life what event, or book, or speech, or song or even TV show has made the biggest impression on you and your political thinking? Why?**

In 1995, it was the referendum year in Quebec. One evening, I watched an interview with Jacques Parizeau who was talking to young people. He said, "Go visit the world, the rest of Canada and come back stronger in Quebec". I was never a separatist, but this sentence by Jacques Parizeau was a significant one. In the summer of 1995, I went to British Columbia for a few months, and after I went to Ottawa to study, worked in the Northern Quebec, went to Afghanistan and lived in Europe for 4 years. I am back in Quebec stronger than ever.

**5. What previous politician, (alive or dead, but not currently in parliament) is a role model for you?**

Without a doubt, the politician who is a role model for me is Brian Mulroney. I was relatively young when he was Prime Minister of Canada, but my parents spoke about this man with great respect and

optimism. My parents gave my brother Brian's middle name. As a teenager, I started reading about Mr. Mulroney about his background, ideas and policies. I was inspired by his eloquence, stature on the international stage and his unwavering commitment to a united Canada. I am also a native of a remote region of Quebec (Saguenay-Lac-Saint-Jean).

**6. What policy in your party's platform do you think matters most to the people in your riding?**

The federal riding of Pontiac has the particularity of being both urban (Gatineau) and rural. The issues are very different from one sector to another in the riding. In the rural part, I believe that job opportunities and infrastructure development (high-speed Internet in particular) directly affect a majority of my fellow residents. In the urban part, the issues of transportation and matters involving the Public Service (especially the catastrophic problems of the Phoenix payroll system) are very important. The Conservative Party of Canada is committed to providing a green public transit tax credit and will work to address the problems of Phoenix.

**7. Recent polls suggest many Canadians are disillusioned with politics. If elected, what would you do to address those concerns?**

First of all, I am a husband, a father and a Pontiac resident who cares about the interests of the region. My career as a professor and researcher at UQO as well as my years as a CAF officer lead me to want to continue my service to our country and to serve the interests of my fellow residents of Pontiac. I am embarking on this adventure in electoral politics with realistic intentions and the hope of making a difference. I believe that by being frank, honest, sincere and authentic in my actions and interactions with my fellow residents, this disillusionment will be overcome.